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Sri S. ARUMUGHAM : ஹரிஜனங்கள் என்றால் அதில் எந்தெந்த ஜாதியார் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சரவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பாரா ?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கேட்கக்கூடிய தகவல் என்னிடம் இப்பொழுது தயாராக இல்லை. தனி கேள்வி போட்டால் லிஸ்டு கொடுக்கிறேன்.

Prime Minister's tour of Malabar

* 3420 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total cost of the security arrangements made during the recent tour of the Prime Minister in Malabar district?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : An expenditure of Rs. 2,20,046 was incurred in all by the State Police Department on general bandobust arrangements for the maintenance of law and order and controlling the large crowds at the places visited by the Prime Minister in Coimbatore, Malabar and South Kanara districts. The above sum also includes expenditure incurred on security arrangements on the prescribed scale for the protection of the Prime Minister. It may not be possible to be exact in separating this particular item from the total and specify the amount but it will be only a small fraction of the whole amount.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, have the Government received any representation or report from the public of Malabar district regarding the maltreatment and harassment by the police who were deputed for bandobust duty in Badagara and Kozhikode in Malabar district during the tour of the Prime Minister

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I would like to have notice.

State Harijan Advisory and Backward Classes Advisory Committees

* 3421 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Appu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how often the State Harijan Advisory Committee and the State Backward Classes Advisory Committee normally meet in a year; and

(*b*) how many meetings of these Committees were held during the current year?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) The State Harijan Welfare Committee and the State Backward Classes Advisory Committee normally meet four times and two times respectively in a year.

(*b*) Two meetings of the State Harijan Welfare Committee and two meetings of the State Backward Classes Advisory Committee were held during the year 1955–56.

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SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN: Sir, are there any noteworthy recommendations made by these Committees in recent years and if so, how far they have been complied with or turned down by the Government?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: Some recommendations have been made. Some of them are really in the interests of Backward Classes and some of them are being implemented while the rest are being examined.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY: Sir, is there any Member in this Committee who does not belong to the Backward Classes?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: As far as I know, at present, there is only one Member who is not considered to belong to the Backward Class according to the present list.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Sir, may I know what are the recommendations of this Committee that have been implemented?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: First of all, I am not in a position to give all the recommendations. Some of them relate to increase in the percentage in the services and representations in local bodies and other bodies, but I do not have a list of them. If a separate question is put, I will try to furnish the information.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Sir, may I know whether there is any Member on the Advisory Committee from the Backward Classes of the Muslim community.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: Sir, I do not have the information with me, but if a separate question is put, I will furnish the information.

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: இந்தக் கமிட்டிகள் செய்யும் சிபார்சுகளும், நிறைவேற்றும் தீர்மானங்களும் அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவரப்படவில்லை என்று கிராம மக்கள் நினைக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் அப்படி நினைப்பதிலும் உண்மை இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே, அந்தக் கமிட்டிகள் நிறைவேற்றும் தீர்மானங்களை அரசாங்கம் இனியாவது அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவருவதற்கு தகுந்த ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: கனம் அங்கத்தினரே அட்வைஸரி கமிட்டியில் ஒரு அங்கத்தினராக இருக்கிறார். அட்வைஸரி கமிட்டி நிறைவேற்றும் தீர்மானங்களையெல்லாம் அரசாங்கம் பரிசீலனை செய்து எந்தெந்த தீர்மானங்களை அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவர முடியுமோ அதை அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஒரேயடியாக எல்லாத் தீர்மானங்களையும் அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவரவில்லை என்று சொல்வது தவறு என்று நான் நினைக்கின்றேன்.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether one of the Harijan M.L.As. of this House has been included in the State Advisory Committee and whether his name has been removed subsequently and if so, the reasons for the removal?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Does the hon. Member refer to the Harijan Welfare Committee or the Backward Classes Advisory Committee?

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : The Harijan Welfare Committee, Sir.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I do not know the hon. Member whom the Member refers to. Anyhow, I will enquire into it.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : For the information of the Hon. Minister, I say that it was the hon. Member Sri E. T. Kunhan who was once included in the Committee and whose name was subsequently removed. Apart from that, may I know whether there are Advisory Committees constituted for the subsects among the Harijans and also for separate areas and if so, for which areas and for what sub-sects of the Harijan community?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : We do not encourage separatist tendencies among the Harijans. We do not propose to constitute any separate Committees to represent the sub-sects of the community.

SRI S. THINAKARASWAMI THEVAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the most efficient and deserving persons who are taking much interest in these Backward Classes Committees are being kept in such Committees?

9-40 a.m. THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : No, Sir. Those who form the Members of the Advisory Committee do really take keen interest in the activities of the Committee.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, I want to make it clear that I am not for encouraging sub-sections in the Harijan community. The point I want to know from the Hon. Minister is whether Government have constituted any such separate Committees for sub-sections of the Harijans or Backward Classes. For example, I have seen in the report for the Harijan Administration in 1953–54 that for Kallars, certain Advisory Committee was constituted for certain areas. It is only in consonance with that and to elicit whether such is the policy of the Government, I had put that question.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Kallars do not come under the category of Harijans. They deserve special treatment and therefore as Criminal Tribes, they have got small Advisory Committees.

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : May I know from the Hon. Minister the policy of the Government in nominating non-Harijans as Members of the Harijan Welfare Committees? If the Government feel that it serves a useful purpose, why should not they nominate a non-Harijan as a Member of the Backward Classes Advisory Committee?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The Harijan Welfare Committee is really benefited by the advice that is given by the non-Harijan Members of the Committee and there is no objection to nominate non-Harijans to the Backward Classes Advisory Committee. But however, I think the problem needs the advice of Backward Classes and others in the Harijan Welfare Committee.

SRI O. KORAN : May I know Sir, whether the decision of the Harijan Welfare Committee to grant 15 cents of land to Harijans in Malabar has been implemented? A decision to that effect was taken in 1951.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, this question was examined very closely and Government took a decision in 1955 allotting certain Special Officers for the purpose of acquiring 15 cents of land to the Harijans.

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM : Sir, at the last meeting of the State Advisory Council for Harijan Welfare, was there a recommendation to the effect that in the matter of recruitment to the posts of Block Development Officers, the policy of the Government, viz., that only the permanent Government servants should be appointed, should be relaxed and direct recruitment should be encouraged so far as Harijans are concerned?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : That matter is being examined by the Government and it has been forwarded to the department of which my hon. Colleague, the Minister for Agriculture, is in charge.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Does the Hon. Minister agree with my statement that these two Advisory Committees constituted by the Government of Madras are doing much useful and constructive work as far as their advice is concerned to the Government in this field?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I am thankful for the appreciative terms in which the hon. Member has spoken.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : ஆண்டிற்கு நான்கு கூட்டங்கள் கூட்டுவதற்கு பதிலாக இரண்டு கூட்டங்கள்தான் கூட்டப்படுகிறது. அதற்குக் காரணம் அங்குள்ள அங்கத்தினர்கள் நிறைவேற்றும் தீர்மானங்களை அரசாங்கம் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளாமல் இருப்பதா அல்லது அதிலுள்ள அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு அதில் உற்சாகமில்லாமலிருப்பதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : அநேகமாக அசெம்பிளி கூட்டம் நடக்கும் காலத்தில்தான் அந்தக் கூட்டங்கள் நடைபெறுகின்றன. அப்பொழுது கூடுவதற்குதான் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு ஏதுவாக இருக்கும். ஆறு மாதத்திற்கு ஒரு முறையாவது அப்படிக் கூட்டப்படவேண்டும் என்ற ஒரு நிபந்தனையும் இருக்கிறது. அதன்படி இரண்டு கூட்டங்கள் கூட்டுகிறார்கள். வேண்டுமென்றால் அடிக்கடி கூட்டுவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யலாம். அப்படிக் கூடுவதற்கும் பேசுவதற்கும் விஷயங்கள் இருக்கின்றன.

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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Is the Hon. Minister aware that Sri Vinayakam is interested in this question in that he himself is a member of the Advisory Committee?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : At least once in his life, he has been good enough to appreciate the work that is being done by the Government. He is beginning to appreciate the good work that is being done by the Government.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Speaker that we in this part of the House are not able to catch the eye of the Speaker? For the past five minutes, I am waiting Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : I have allowed more than twenty-two supplementary questions on this subject. The whole of to-day we are going to have the discussion on the Harijan Uplift Demand and Members will have ample opportunity for discussion later.

Shifting of the Assembly Chamber to Fort. St. George

* 3422 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal now to shift the Assembly Chamber to Fort St. George; and

(*b*) if so, when the shifting will be done?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The question is under consideration and a decision will be taken in the matter only after the question of the reorganization of the States is settled.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Why do the Government think of changing the premises from here to the Fort area when those premises will not be available to the Members by easy access?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, it depends upon the number of members. If we find that it is enough to occupy the original Assembly Chamber, there is a general impression that it will be much better. But, no decisions have yet been taken. All matters will be taken into consideration before coming to a final decision in this matter.

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR : ராஜ்ய புனரமைப்புக் கமிஷன் திட்டம் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டால் சட்டசபையை மாற்றுவதைப்பற்றி ஆலோசிக்கப்படும் என்று கனம் நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். அதை நினைக்கும்போது தட்சணப் பிரதேசம் அமைப்பதுபற்றிய விஷயத்தை கைவிட்டு விட்டாரா இல்லையா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : ராஜ்ய சீரமைப்பு நிறைவேற்றிய பிறகுதான் இதைப்பற்றி முடிவு செய்ய ஆலோசிக்கப்படும் என்று சொன்னேன். அதற்கு மேல்தான் இங்கு இருப்பதா அல்லது வேறு இடத்திற்குப் போவதா என்பதைப்பற்றி யோசிக்கவேண்டும் என்றும் சொன்னேன்.